

Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantitation Approaches for Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs

Committee Designation & Purpose

The Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency formed this Committee to advise the agency on detection and quantitation approaches for use in Clean Water Act Programs.

EPA approves analytical methods (i.e., test procedures) used for monitoring and reporting chemical pollutants under the CWA. EPA's analytical methods specify detection limits to determine if a pollutant is present. Quantitation limits describe the concentration of a pollutant that can be measured with a known level of confidence. States, Tribes and EPA Regions that administer and enforce permit limits on direct discharges into water often use these values as reporting and compliance limits. Additionally, States and localities in administering and enforcing pretreatment programs for indirect discharges use these values. The major objectives of the FACDQ will be to provide advice and recommendations on approaches for the development of detection and quantitation procedures and uses of these procedures in CWA programs.

How to Make Public Comment

The purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to meet and discuss issues on their agenda, with the goal of working toward creating the recommendations covered above.

Comments in Person and Via Teleconference Line

The Committee is eager to hear public comment and encourages members of the public to do so by:

1. Signing up on the paper at the table marked "Public Comment Sign Up Sheet."
2. Preparing comments related to the Committee's work at the meeting, or related activities.
3. Waiting to hear your name announced. Names will be called in the order in which people sign up.
4. Standing up to the microphone, stating your name and affiliation (if applicable) for the record, and making your comments.
5. **Time will allocated among those who sign up, not to exceed 15 total minutes.** If there are many people who wish to speak, each individual's time may be shortened to accommodate everyone. Please watch the facilitator, who will be keeping time and who will indicate when your time is up.

When all those making comment in person at the meeting have done so, the Committee will hear from those wishing to make public comments via the teleconference line. To sign up for attendance and public comment via the teleconference line, attendees **must** contact Marion Kelly at USEPA (Kelly.Marion@epa.gov; (202) 566-1045) *at least* 48 hours in advance of the meeting date. Numbers 2, 3 and 5 above also apply to those making comments via the teleconference line.

Written comments may be submitted at any time to the Designated Federal Officer or Committee Chairperson at the following address:

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